

House Bill 320 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise all  
2 redevelopment and other powers under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the  
3 Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law,"  
4 as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic  
5 repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, shall be and is authorized to exercise  
9 all redevelopment and other powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the  
10 "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the  
11 consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to undertake and carry out community  
12 redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, and to incur  
13 other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of Article  
14 IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, as  
15 amended, and to authorize the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise  
16 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter  
17 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment  
18 Powers Law."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election  
21 superintendent of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, shall call and conduct  
22 an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors  
23 of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, for approval or rejection. The  
24 election superintendent shall conduct that election on a date as determined by the governing  
25 authority of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, and as provided under Code

Section 21-2-54 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"( ) YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, to exercise redevelopment powers under the  
( ) NO 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

### SECTION 3.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

### SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.